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Letter dated 6 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government and with reference to our previous letters concerning the repeated cases of Israeli aggression against Lebanon, the last such letter dated 4 February 1991 (S/22196), I have the honour to transmit herewith information on the latest acts of aggression carried out on Tuesday, 5 February 1991.

Aircraft from the Israeli airforce carried out large-scale attacks against a group of Lebanese villages situated to the east of the city of Sidon, causing 12 deaths, wounding 25 persons and destroying a large number of houses in the villages of Krayeh, Jensnaya, Baysoor, Sarba, Humine and Arabsalim, situated in the region of Iklim Touffah, where the Council of Ministers of Lebanon recently decided to send Lebanese army units (see document S/22195 of 4 February 1991).

The Lebanese Government, which categorically denounces this further act of Israeli aggression against Lebanese territory and citizens and against persons residing in Lebanon, which constitutes a series of violations of national sovereignty and international laws and customs, notes that this escalation of Israeli aggression is deliberate and designed to impede and thwart the implementation of the decision to deploy the Lebanese army in the villages adjacent to the region occupied by Israel in order to strengthen security and stability there, which is a first step towards the re-establishment by the Lebanese State of sovereignty over its territory.

By using military force, Israel once again demonstrated its opposition to any normalization of the situation in Lebanon and its policy aimed at blocking any initiative taken by the Lebanese State to that end. At this time, the

international community is called upon to halt the destructive actions by Israel and adopt an effective position to assist the Lebanese Government in its constructive efforts in order to establish international peace and security in Lebanon and the region.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khalil MAKKAWI
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